Year	Budget allocation for purchase of books	Total expenditure	Total No. of volumes purchased
1986-87	Rs. 7.76 Lakhs	Rs. 7.72 Lakhs	34008
1987-88	Rs. 10.00 Lakhs	Rs. 9.99 Lakhs	40237
1988-89	Rs. 9.50 Lakhs	Rs. 9.43 Lakhs	40071

Allotment of Jinnah House to ICCR

814. SHRI CHANDRIKA PRASAD TRIPATHI:

DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Council for Cultural Relations has requested the Central Government for the allotment of the house in Bombay which belonged to the late Mohammed Ali Jinnah; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The request is under consideration of the Government.

Danger of escalation of Afghan War

815. DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a danger of the escalation of Afghan war because of Pakistan army's support to Afghan Mujahideen; and

(b) what active steps the Government of India propose to take for the establishment of peace in Afghanistan?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) and (b) Continued interference in Afghanistan poses a threat to peace and stability in Afghanistan and in the region. Government of India have consistently been calling for strict implementation of the Geneva accords by all its signatories, and have been in touch with all concerned, including the UN Secretary General and the Chairperson of the Nonaligned Movement.

Shooting of film on the life of Phoolan Devi

816. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI:

DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Golden Harvest Film Company of Hongkong has sought permission of the Government of India for shooting a film in India on the life of Indian dacoit, Phoolan Devi; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Opening of Navodaya Vidyalayas

817. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of Navodaya Vidyalayas to be opened during the Eighth Plan period;

(b) whether it is a fact that the speed of opening of Navodaya Vidyalayas has recently been slowed down; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) The Navodaya Vidyalaya Scheme envisages establishment of, on an average, one Navodaya Vidyalaya in each district of the country. So far 256 Navodaya Vidyalayas have been established. The number of Navodaya Vidyalayas to be opened during the Eighth Plan period would depend on the availability of funds and suitable offers from State/UT Governments.

(b) and (c) It is true that due to financial constraints, the programme of opening of more Navodaya Vidyalayas has been slowed down.

Amount sanctioned for schemes of training and rehabilitation of women in distress

818. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount sanctioned for Schemes of Training and Rehabilitation of women in distress during the years 1985-86, 1986-87 and 1987-88 to different States in the country;

(b) the total Central grants returned by various States during the above period;

(c) what is the number of beneficiaries targetted/covered under the scheme; and

(d) what is amount out of the total grant for purchase of machines/tools/equipment under these schemes for the said period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) to (d) A Statement showing State/Union Territory wise grants released as Central Government's share towards recurring and non-recurring expenditure and the number of beneficiaries targetted during the years 1985-86, 1986-87 and 1987-88 under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Setting of Training Centres for the Rehabilitation of Women in Distress is attached. [*See* Appendix CL, Annexure No. 44] As the Central Government's share consists of grants, the grant if utilised is not returned by the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations.

Relaxing of visa rules to attract foreign tourists

819. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to relax visa rules to encourage foreign tourists; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof stating the decision, if any, taken by Government in this regard and by when it is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Govt. has already made an amendment in the Registration of Foreigners Rules effective 30th March, 1989 which will enable a foreign tourist to obtain a visa for India initially for 120 days or four months as against 90 days earlier. This amendment has made it easy for a foreign tourist to avail of 120 days smooth journey in India without having to register oneself with the police.